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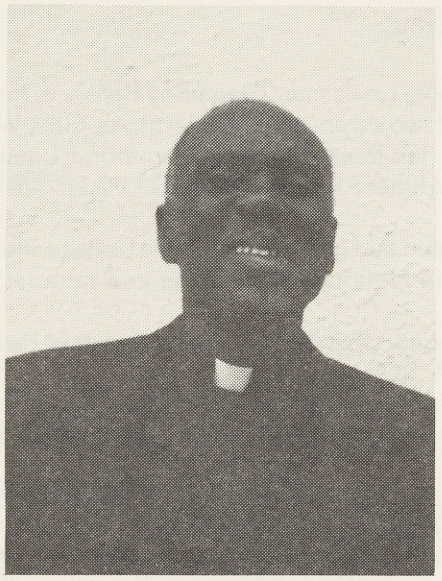

SUPERINTENDENT EPHRIAM WESLEY
February 11, 1923 – November 22, 1987

MISSIONARY CLARA WESLEY
April 24, 1926 – November 22, 1987

SERVICES HELD
Friday, November 27, 1987 – 11:00 a.m.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
1601 McKinnon Avenue
San Francisco, California

OFFICIATING MINISTERS
Bishop B.R. Stewart
Elder Solomon Irving

THE INTERMENT
Olivet Memorial Park
Colma, California

OBITUARIES

Elder Ephriam Wesley

Elder Ephriam Wesley was born February 11, 1923, in Kentwood, Louisiana, Tangiphoa Parish, to the union of Robert Wesley and Mariah Tanner Wesley. He was one of a family of two sisters and three brothers. Elder Wesley was saved at the age of 8, under Bishop John White in Iatabla, Louisiana. His family moved to Hammond, Louisiana, and he received the Holy Ghost at 12 years of age; under the leadership of Elder Abraham of First C.O.G.I.C. He was called to preach in the same year.

In 1943, he was called to serve in the U.S. Army where he attended and graduated in Bible College. He served as a Company Minister. After 2 years and 11 months, he received an Honorable Discharge and returned to Hammond, Louisiana.

In the year 1947, Elder Wesley came to San Francisco, California, where he served as Assistant Pastor under Elder Jackson. He later served as Assistant Pastor under Elder B.R. Stewart.

In 1952, he responded to the Lord's call to open a Mission on Clara Street and there the Church was named Lighthouse C.O.G.I.C. Six months later the Lord blessed with a larger building at 633 Haight Street. The Church later moved to 312 Connecticut.

In 1965, he was appointed Superintendent of the No. II District. At Supt. Wesley's demise, he was First Administrative Assistant of Northern California First Jurisdiction under the Bishopric of Bishop B.R. Stewart. The Vision of Supt. Wesley for 23 years was to purchase property and enlarge the Church and to do greater work for the Lord. This Vision came to fruition in January, 1987, when the congregation moved to Newhall Street where he pastored until his untimely demise.

Supt. Wesley leaves to mourn one sister, Mrs. Lucille Smith of San Francisco, California; one son, Elder Donald Wesley; two daughters, Geraldine Wesley, Phyllis Barnett; eight grandchildren: Selina, Dante, Devona, Renona, Antwoine, Jemina, Clara and Leslie; one great grandson, Daron; daughter-in-law, Gabriel; and son-in-law, Lester Barnett, and a Loving Church Family and a Host of Relatives and Friends.

Their son, Phillip Wesley, preceded them in death on November 22, 1985.

Missionary Clara Wesley

Missionary Clara Irving Wesley was born April 24, 1926, in Karnes City, Texas, to the Union of Elder Leslie Irving and Mary Showers. The family moved to Phoenix, Arizona, in 1927, and then to Los Angeles, California, in 1933. She attended elementary school in the Los Angeles area. Clara was always known for her obedience and kindness. In 1945, she accepted the Lord as Savior and was endowed with the gift of the Holy Ghost. She faithfully served under the pastorage of her father in Cochran, California. In 1936, the family relocated to Tulare, California, during which time she continued her education.

In 1949, Clara moved to San Francisco, California, and served at the Little Chapel Church of God in Christ under the late Bishop L.E. Cleaver as a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord. In 1950, she married Elder Ephriam Wesley. Subsequently, she became a member of The Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the pastorage of Bishop B.R. Stewart. Sis. Wesley accepted her call to higher service and to this union was born two sons and two daughters. She was licensed to the Missionary Work; she also served with the State Hospitality Board and as the First Lady of the Lighthouse C.O.G.I.C. and served in many capacities.

Elder and Sis. Wesley departed this life together on Sunday, November 22, 1987. Clara Wesley's surviving family: brothers Sylvester Irving, Joseph Irving, Ernest Irving, Gertha Irving, Solomon Irving, Samuel Irving, and Paul Irving; sisters Pauline Buchanan, Martha Gills, and Dorothy Moore. Her sister, Betty Jean Irving, preceded her in death.

SERVICES

Friday, November 27, 1987
11:00 a.m.
Providence Baptist Church
1601 McKinnon Avenue
San Francisco, California

Order of Service

Prelude	Organist
Processional	Clergy & Family
Officiants	Supt. P. Jefferson Supt. L.C. Patton
Selection	Jurisdictional Choir
Invocation	Supt. Garlin Bluford
Scriptures:	
Old Testament (Psalm 23)	Elder M. Riley
New Testament (1 Cor. 15:51-57)	Elder J.C. Jenkins
Solo	Elder Leslie M. Irving
Reflections	Elder Donald Wesley Elder Samuel Irving
Congregational Song	"Lift Up Jesus"
Special Tribute (3 Minutes Each)	
Women's Department	Mother G. Smith
State Ministers' Wives	Miss'y M. Henderson
Pastors & Elders	Elder Holland
Superintendents	Supt. W. Hall
Official Staff	Supt. O. Tevis
Executive Board	Supt. J. Thomas
Resolutions:	
The Greater Lighthouse C.O.G.I.C.	Sis. Carolyn Jones
Northern California First Jurisdiction	Supt. J. Smith
Northern California First Jurisdiction	Miss'y B. Cannon
Introduction of Jurisdictional Bishops:	
Acknowledgement of Cards, Condolences, & Telegrams	Miss'y E. Person
Obituaries	Miss'y Lorraine White
Selection	Jurisdictional Choir
Eulogy	Bishop B.R. Stewart
Parting View:	
Recessional:	

Pallbearers

Irving Walker
Ollie Poole
Andrew Wormerly
Clifton LeBlanc
Elder Garlin Bluford
Wade Ford
Vernon White
Ronnie Ford
Elder Robert L. Booker
Deacon Arthur Neal
Supt. C. Kinnon
Rev. Raphel Fortier

Honorary Pallbearers

Elder Solomon Irving
Sylvester Irving
Joe Irving
Elder Samuel Irving
Ernest Irving
Paul Irving
Elder Leslie M. Irving
Micah Irving
Elder Gertha Irving
Sylvester Irving, Jr.
Emmanual Irving
Solomon Irving, Jr.

TO OUR FRIENDS

In this hour of bereavement, we wish to acknowledge with deepest appreciation the great outpouring of sympathy and warm consolation we have received from our friends throughout the community. You have lifted our hearts, with your prayers and help. May God bless you.

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